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Examiner: LAMBERTSON, David A.

Title: **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR USE THEREOF IN
MODIFYING THE GENOMES OF MICROORGANISMS**

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 30, 2003. Applicants request a one-month extension of time, making a response due on or before August 30, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The Examiner has required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I. Claims 1-42, 45-52 and 58-59, drawn to a transposon cassette, vector containing the cassette and host cell containing the vector or cassette.

Group II. Claims 43-44, drawn to a method of modifying an organism using a vector containing a transposon cassette.